Forest Guard.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—" *This Council is of opinion that the minimum pay of a Forest Guard be fixed at Rs. 20.*"

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Already a resolution has been passed fixing the minimum pay of servants at Rs. 20.

President.—Does it come to Rs. 12 or Rs. 20?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—25 on Rs. 15 to 20.
15 on Rs. 20 to 25.
10 on Rs. 25 to Rs. 30.

President.—The minimum should be Rs. 20.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—I second it.

Resolution put and agreed to.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—In a House consisting of 45 Members, if one alone stands and the others do not, what does it show? They are indifferent.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That amounts to the consent of the Council.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—There must be at least half.

President.—Is there any rule which says that there must be half for the majority? I don't think there is.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Nobody is responsible for the indifference.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Only if a poll is taken, we should lift up our hands.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—We do not want to say that A or B should not get that. We know that these obligations cannot be met. So that the best thing is to sit quiet.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—If that be the case, the votes may be recorded. If the importance varies according to the number of people raising their hands, it may be recorded.

President.—If a poll is demanded, I can ask them to stand up. To demand a poll in each case is a waste of time.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There is no provision for it in the Council Rules. Why should the Government consider whether there are 20 votes or 4 votes?

President.—Government go by the majority.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—There is some provision where the leave of the Council is required for certain motions. There is a certain number fixed. I doubt whether that can be made applicable to the present case. Wherever leave of the House is required, a certain number must rise. Ii is only by analogy. None of the provisions will apply.

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Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I find in some cases, a mover moves his proposition, and one Member seconds it. Is that motion to be considered as carried? Yesterday, there was one case like that.

President.—Then there are two persons in favour of the motion and nobody opposes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Silence means consent.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It may mean indifference. That is to say, if the Government is really anxious to ascertain the view of the House unless some such thing is done, the proceedings will reduce themselves to a farce. A resolution is put forward. One Member moves and another supports. The rest keep quiet and no record of voting is made.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I protest against this statement that the proceedings is a farce. What is the meaning of making this statement? It is his duty to get up and say that he publicly opposes. If people keep quiet when a motion is made in this House, it must be taken that the House accepts. There is no other procedure, and there is no reason to think otherwise.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Is this lecture to go on when I am speaking?

President.—Two are standing.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Is this out-burst to go on without the leave of the Chair, and when I am on my legs? I do not understand the meaning of this vehemence. I did not say that the proceeding is a farce but I said that the proceedings under certain circumstances would reduce themselves to a farce. What is the Parliamentary objection to my statement? This sort of playing to the gallery has to be denounced by an iron hand by the Chair. I said that the proceedings under certain circumstances would reduce themselves to a farce. If the Hon'ble Member cannot understand the meaning of these simple words in the English language, he must start his course from the First Standard.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is this language consistent with the dignity of this Council? I rise on a point of order, and I ask for a ruling from the Chair.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No reflections on any Member can be cast.

President.—What is it that you exactly stated?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I stated that, unless certain things are done, the proceedings of this House will look like a farce. In my view, it is like that. Where is the unparliamentary language?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Not in that.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Then I said that my friend, Mr. Salem, the Member for the Jews, completely misunderstood

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my statement, and if he had tried to understand it better, he would not have committed himself to that eruption which we now witnessed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—He said "*you should go to the school to learn.*"

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I said a simple thing. He misunderstood it and interrupted me. I then said that, if he could not understand the simple English words, he should begin his English course again.

President.—Use expressions which would not admit of being objected to.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What I said was that my language was plain. He rushed to oppose me without understanding me. I never wanted to say that he could not understand, if he cared to. However, if he objects to my statement, I shall withdraw it. I was struck up with my friend's interruption, which was absolutely unwarranted.

President.—Interruptions are sometimes made for purposes of explanation. If a Member makes a statement, and if that is not understood in a proper way, he rises to explain the position.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—We are here to give our opinions for the consideration of the Government. That is all. That is to say, the Government should ascertain the views of Members of this House. Very well, In a particular motion, suppose 20 out of 30 elected non-officials take part, and they all vote one way. If we have got a record of the facts the Government can find out who are interested and the opinion of the Members voting. Suppose two Members only take interest. One Hon'ble Member, *i. e.*, the Hon'ble Member who was supporting the Jewish Member, said he doesn't very much care. He did not want to condemn resolutions. He did not wantto do a positive act by voting against the resolutions.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I put it more finely.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—You may be an artist in putting. I concede that my friend has a better talent to put things finely. However, we are not getting a record to show whether even a good section of the House is interested in the matters discussed; whether the attitude taken by that section was positive, negative or neutral. We are not now passing a Bill into law. Suppose a Bill is passed into law. Even silence may pass the Bill or throw it out. The Government has, on this occasion, on the other hand, invited us to know what the people think, what the representatives think. I say under these circumstances some sort of record may be made.

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President.—Is it your point that we should record the number of votes?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Yes. Rather than oblige us to call for polls.

President.—You could have urged this at the very beginning.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That is what I urge now, and that is all that I urge.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Yesterday afternoon, this was raised.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—With the exception of a few resolutions, very few, most of the resolutions were passed by two, three or four votes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I do not understand the force of the argument. This is practically, to my mind, a kind of conference by which the Government may ascertain the view of the Members. You can very easily ascertain that from the general trend of the discussion and the way in which they vote. That is all the object. Are these resolutions binding upon the Government? They are not. You may grasp the general tendency of the Members, and where the Government think that the feeling of the House is in favour of a certain measure, and if the Government also can carry such a measure, they can do so.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Exactly.

President.—These votes cannot help us in any way. Mr. Thomas says that only one or two Members took interest. How can that view be taken?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—This House may not vote for various reasons. We are not anxious that A or B should not be given. We won't be a party to it. At the same time, I know the difficulties of the Government, which the Hon'ble Member may not know yet, for carrying out the recommendations made in this House. So I am bound to keep quiet.

President.—I shall record the number.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I certainly object to that. There is no provision in the Council Rule or Regulation. We will be laying down a new procedure in our Council. Only for a poll we can record.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—So far as the present matter is concerned, we shall do like that.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Under what rules are we carrying now?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.—കൊണ്സിലിൽ ഇതുവരെ പാസ്സാക്കീട്ടുള്ള കാര്യങ്ങൾ രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ അല്ലകൂടുതലോ കൈപൊക്കിയതാകയാൽ അതിനെ കാര്യമായി ഗണിച്ചുകൊണ്ടും അ

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തു് കൌൺസിലിൽ കായ്മമായി. പാസ്സായതായി. ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു കരുതരുതെന്നുമാണു് ഇവിടെ ചിലർ പറഞ്ഞതിൽനിന്നു് മനസ്സിലാകുന്നതു്. ഇപ്രകാരം കൌൺസിലിന്റെ അഭിമാനത്തിനും അന്തസ്സിനും വിപരീതമായി ഇവർ സംസ്സാരിക്കാൻ പുറപ്പെട്ടതിനേക്കാൾ ആ സംഗതികൾക്കു് എതിരായി വോട്ടുചെയ്യുകയായിരുന്നു ഉത്തമം. ഇന്നിവിടെ നടക്കുന്ന സംസാരം നാട്ടെ കൊച്ചീരാജ്യം മുഴുവനും മാത്രമല്ല മറ്റരാജ്യങ്ങളിലും പരക്കുന്നതാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് മെംബർമാരെല്ലാവരും കൌൺസിലിന്റെ ഗൌരവത്തെ പാലിക്കാൻ കടപ്പെട്ടവരാണു്. എത്രപേരുടെ വോട്ടുകൊണ്ടായിരുന്നാലും കൌൺസിലിൽ പാസ്സായതു് ശരിയായും പാസ്സായതാണെന്നതന്നെ വിചാരിക്കണം. അതു് കായ്മമായി കരുതരുതെന്നു് ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനെ അറിയിക്കുകയല്ല വേണ്ടതു്. ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് ആ അഭിപ്രായത്തെ ഒട്ടുംതന്നെ വകവെയ്ക്കരുതെന്നാണു് എന്റെ അപേക്ഷ. (*Hear, hear.*) രണ്ടുപേർ വോട്ടുചെയ്യും 40 പേർ വോട്ടുചെയ്യും കൌൺസിലിൽ പാസ്സായതു പാസ്സായതുതന്നെ, അല്ലാതെ അതിനു വിപരീതമായി കരുതുവാൻ ന്യായം അനുവദിക്കുന്നില്ല. പിന്നെ പ്രസിഡണ്ടിന്റെ ഇഷ്ടംപോലെ ചെയ്യാം.

Superintendents and Managers.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—There is a resolution standing in my name. Motion No. 8: "*The scales of pay recommended by the Special Finance Committee in para 42 of the report for the subordinate service be provided for five hands on Rs. 125—150 grade, namely, 2 Superintendents in the Secretariat, one Manager in the Diwan Peishkar's Office, one Manager in the Chief Engineer's Office and one Manager in the Director's Office*".

President.—Has it been specified there?

Mr. K. J. Antony.—No, not in the motion.

President.—It is better that you specify.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—The scales of pay recommended by the Special Finance Committee in para 42 of the report for subordinate service be provided for two Superintendents in the Secretariat, one Manager in the Diwan Peishkar's Office, one Manager in the Chief Engineer's Office, and one Manager in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction on Rs. 125—150 grade.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I second it.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—I support it.

Question put :—"*That 5 Superintendents be given the scale of Rs. 125—150, viz., 2 Superintendents in the Huzur Secretariat, one in the Diwan Peishkar's Office, one in the Chief Engineer's Office and one in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction*".

Question put and agreed to.

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